- 2. The request is made to counter the pressure of the Communist Party, which recently took into its own hands the promotion of all officers above the rank of captain. In actual practice the border guard and the internal guard are actually commanded by the Party through General Oskar Jelen, who is assisted by Col. Jindfich Kotal, and who really runs the Ministry of the Interior instead of Barak. The latter is a weak administrator.
- Jelen and Kotal are political officers only, and are backers of Antonin Novotný, first secretary of the party.
- 4. The general staff, threatened on the point of the officer corps by the Party wishes to deprive the Party of the support of these two guard forces. The unified command of all armed forces under the Ministry of Defense is much desired by Cepička, but is opposed by Siroky, who wishes to keep a balance between the two forces. Cepička intends to support the memorandum to the finish, and he has asked General Jan Hecko, recently appointed Vice-Minister of Defense, to elaborate it further. It is very doubtful whether the plan will be accepted by the majority of the cabinet. In the meanwhile, the party continues its pressure on the army, and as of 14 Oct. 53, ..., obtained the foundation of the military political academy for the education of officers coming from the Party.

